

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

The spirit of Christmas is in the dogs! Can you honestly divorce the thought of CHRISTMAS from the thought of a vagrant dog? Did you ever think that the idea of CHRISTMAS, which celebrates the birth of the Child in the manger, has to start with the thought of dogs? Remember the shepherds who left their flocks to follow the "Star," and found themselves along with the Wise Men before the "cradle" of Him who made "giving, rather

than getting" a living thing, rather than a theory. Didn't they, the shepherds, have dogs to pinchhit for them in caring for their flocks and didn't at least one of their dogs come down to the manger? The love of dogs and the belief that they are so closely tied to CHRISTMAS are synonymous. The spirit of CHRISTMAS and the spirit of dogs are just about the same. The true spirit of CHRISTMAS means giving and

not getting and who among my readers will disagree that dogs, more than any other living creature on earth today, personify the giving first, rather than the receiving first. Now, take out just a moment and think, isn't this true? May we, in their example, never forget that the spirit of CHRISTMAS, which is that of service to others runs the year around; 365 days, not just Dec. 25. May I, in behalf of all the noble, faithful and loving dogs, wish each and everyone of my treasured readers a truly MERRY CHRISTMAS!

will be able to find it within themselves to spare a few thoughts for the poor unfortunate doggies and the wonderful people at Mercy Crusade who continually dispense aid and comfort to God's dumb but nonetheless loved creatures. Your dog and mine, as always, will be well cared for during the Yuletide but not so with the countless little four-legged waifs who look to us for help. Merch Crusade needs your help, both morally and spiritually and financially. If you truly love dogs, cats and all members of the animal kingdom, then by all means send them a Christmas donation today — P.O. Box 3265, Van Nuys, Calif.

can get measles and even mumps from children. Both of these afflictions can kill dogs. I might mention, too, never take your beloved dogs needlessly in kennels as there is a chance of Bowser picking up a disease... In Brighton, England, a clairvoyant named Mme. Macaret does "canine" readings. Clyde, an Old English Sheepdog, is the mascot of the Yale Choral Group, the Whiffenpoofs... Never allow a stranger to chastise your dog and by the same token resist the temptation to pet a strange dog. And in the same vein, let me caution my readers never to surprise a sleeping dog nor for that matter approach any dog without giving him ample notice... You know few of us really own

there is battle. Should you dog accidentally burn himself and provided the burn is not serious, apply tannic acid ointment or unguentine. In the event neither of these remedies are at hand, make a pot of strong tea, cool it and apply liberally. Keep this in mind, too: adequate calcium, phosphorous and Vitamin D are necessary for the development of strong, healthy teeth. Malformed or structurally faulty teeth usually result from dietary inadequacies. Incidentally, I wonder how many of my readers know that a dog has 42 teeth, 10 more than man? That's a fact — 20 in the upper jaw and 22 in the lower. Guess this must be the reason it's front page news when man bites dog.

he belongs. First of all, the Brittany enjoys the distinction of being the only Spaniel that points to birds. Secondly, his appearance, and I might add his behavior is so reminiscent of the English Setter, even though this breed has the retrieving instincts of a Spaniel. The Brittany Spaniel hails from the historical peninsula region of northwestern France, and there he received his name. People living in this area pretty much developed the Brittany as he is known today. IN THE United States the breed numbers many show champions from among its ranks. Brittanys are registered with both the AKC and the Field Dog Stud Book. About 1,000 Brittanys are registered each year with the American Kennel Club and about 500 or so with the Field Book. The Brittany Spaniel tips the scales at about 35 pounds and in height 19 inches. Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner, Monday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. over station KTYM 1460 KCS

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## COLLEGE REPORT

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Let me continue my discussion of the college presidency by recalling an experience I had just after I graduated from college. The father of one of my classmates was the president of a large corporation, and he invited me to come to his office about a possible position in his organization. By appointment I arrived at 9:30 Monday morning, and I remember how on the way to it I thought that at the beginning of a busy week such an important businessman would probably be able to give me only two or three minutes of his time. He surprised me, however, by giving me an hour and a half during which not a paper lay upon his desk or crossed it, not a single telephone call came in, and not once did his secretary disturb us.

AS WE talked, I grew more and more interested in what seemed to me to be a strange situation; and when the interview ended, I asked if I might put to him a question that had been evolving in my mind while we talked. The question was this: "How is it that at the beginning of a week you have so little to do that you can give me an hour and a half of your time, time which must have cost your company, at your salary, at least \$100?" I pointed to the fact that his desk had remained totally bare during the entire period, that his phone had not rung once, and that his secretary had not come near him.

MY QUESTION interested him, and he took another 15 minutes to answer it. His chief point was this: He considered it his job not to be a doer but rather the organizer, planner, and philosopher of the company. I remember him saying, "You can hire executives or doers by the hundreds, but only the head of the business can see the organization as a whole. Only the president has all the facts necessary to plan for the future. If he wastes his time on routines, he loses the opportunity for ranging understanding of what the com-

pany ought to be doing and how it should go about doing it." He took me over to a case of charts at one side of his office and showed me graphs into the future that he spent a good deal of his time studying, and then he opened a drawer of his as-yet-unstudied desk and brought out manuscripts of proposals he was appraising for the discussion of his vice presidents and his board of directors. HE ENDED by suggesting that if ever I became an executive I should never do any routine job that I could get someone else to do, that I should concentrate on thinking through the basic problems of the enterprise and planning for the future. It's my guess that few, if any, people within a college or university have any conception of the real function of the presidency. Everyone expects the president to be involved in the details of the institution, to see them whenever they want to be seen, to attend innumerable committee meetings, to introduce every visiting speaker, to greet every returning alumnus and, to boot, to entertain all faculty members and their wives at lunch or dinner at least once a year.

## State to Install New Communication System

Capitol News Service  
SACRAMENTO—Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch Tuesday announced a \$5 million law enforcement communications network, described as the nation's most modern, is ready for installation by the state of California. The system will link more than 450 law enforcement agencies to computerized crime files in Sacramento and Washington, D. C. Lynch said the nerve center of the network will be a complex for four high-speed computers, two each in Los Angeles and Sacramento. TARGET DATE for the full operation of the new facility is set for October, 1969. Called the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), the high-speed message system will allow any urban or rural law enforcement agency to transmit a message to any other agency in the state and to obtain instant information on wanted persons, stolen and lost property, firearms, and stolen vehicles. In addition, an agency can broadcast a message to all other agencies within the state or to combinations of agencies using a separate broadcast network. THE CLETS system will replace the current state teletype system which was established in 1931. The present system handles more than three million messages a year. The new system was created by an act of the 1965 legislature and was implemented this year by Governor Ronald Reagan.

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